**Setting up of IFZs**

3040. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to give a clear thrust to farm sector reforms, Government are considering to set up Integrated Food Zones (IFZs);

(b) if so, whether Government have identified 20 zones with the highest potential across the country based on availability of raw material, approach from national highways, major rail links and availability of infrastructure like water, power and skilled manpower;

(c) whether IFZ scheme would address the loopholes of existing schemes and provided a holistic vision to overcome indistry constraints; and

(d) if so, by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has proposed a new scheme of Mega Food Parks/Integrated Food Zones (IFZ) aimed at providing integrated solutions to make available comprehensive and quality infrastructural facilities with appropriate linkages. However, the government does not set up projects on its own. The concept has been proposed to Planning Commission for consultation for development of the scheme.

**Development of rainfed areas**

3041. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present, there are numerous projects and schemes which are being run for the development of the rainfed areas;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and schemes, State-wise;

(c) the budgetary outlay of these projects and schemes for the current year; and

(d) the utilization of such outlay, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of schemes and projects **are** being implemented for the development of rainfed areas. These schemes are-

**Programmes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation:**

i. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Area (NWDPRA)

ii. Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the catchments of River Valley and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR)

iii. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)

iv. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

v. Technology Mission for Integrated Horticulture Development of North East etc. (TMNE)

**Programmes of Ministry of Rural Development:**

vi. Integrated Wasteland Development Project (IWDP)

vii. Drought Prone Area Progamme (DPAP)

viii. Desert Development Project (DDP)

**Programmes of Planning Commission:**

ix. Hill Area Development Programme (HADP)

x. Western Ghats Area Development Programme (WGDP)

**Projects of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**

xi. Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA)

xii. All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture (AICRP)

xiii. Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI)

xiv. National Research Centre for Agro-Forestry (NRCAF)

(b) to (d) Details of States where these schemes are being implemented alongwith budgetary outlay and utilization made during 2006-07 is given in the enclosed statement.

***Statement***

*State-wise details fo Schemes/Projects being implemented for Development of Rainfed Areas, and the outlay and utilization during 2006-07*

(Rs. in crores)

| SI. No | Scheme/ Project | States covered | Budgetary Outlay-2006-07 | Utilization up to July, 2006 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | NWDPRA | All States, A&N Islands and Dadra Nagar Haveli | 301.25 | 64.23 |
| 2. | RVP & FPR | All States except Goa. | 191.74 | 6.86 |
| 3. | WDPSCA | All N.E. States excepting Sikkim | 40.00 | 20.00 |
| 4. | NHM | All States excepting states covered under TMNE | 1000.00 | 168.00 |
| 5. | TMNE | N.E. States including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttaranchal. | 205.40 | 121.18 |
| 6. | IWDP | All States | 485.00 | 223.01 |
| 7. | DPAP | Andhra Pradesh, Bihar 360.00 Chattishgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, West Bengal | | 52.00 |
| 8. | DDP | Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan | 270.00 | 98.00 |
| 9. | HADP | Assam, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal | Included under State | -N.A.-Plan |
| 10. | WGDP | Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Goa | Included under State | -N.A.-Plan |
| 11. | CRIDA | Andhra Pradesh | 1.50 | 0.40 |
| 12. | AICRP | Andhra Pradesh | 7.82 | 3.26 |
| 13. | CAZRI | Rajasthan | 2.45 | 0.35 |
| 14. | NRCAF | Uttar Pradesh | 2.53 | 0.51 |